**Scrapping of SEZs in Goa**

†1248. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Goa State Government has recommended to the Central Government to scrap all the notified Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the State following agitation against setting up of SEZs which is detrimental to the overall interests of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) A communication has been received from the Government of Goa withdrawing the recommendations granted by them for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Goa, including the three notified Zones. The matter is under consideration in the Ministry in consultation with the State Government of Goa and the Ministry of Law.

**Cancellation of proposed SEZs in Goa**

†1249. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 15 number of proposed SEZs in Goa, have been cancelled by the State Government;

(b) if so, whether the Centre has cancelled proposed SEZs on the request of State Government of Goa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for non-cancellation of proposed SEZs in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) A communication has been received from the Government of Goa withdrawing the recommendations granted by them for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Goa, including the three notified Zones. The matter is under consideration in the Ministry in Consultation with the State Government of Goa and the Ministry of Law.

**Threat to Kutch salt industry due to pollution**

1250. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that salt industry of Kutch is under threat due to pollution emanating industries;

(b) if so, whether Government is formulating any action plan to protect the salt industry; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi